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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

Noted by D.D./H

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SUBJECT : Unsatisfactory Relations with OIR

1. The purpose of this memorandum is merely to bring you up-to-date on my thinking with regard to the division of responsibilities between OIR and ORR for the production of economic intelligence on the Soviet, to indicate the immediate course of action I contemplate, and to give you my estimate of the inevitable final outcome.

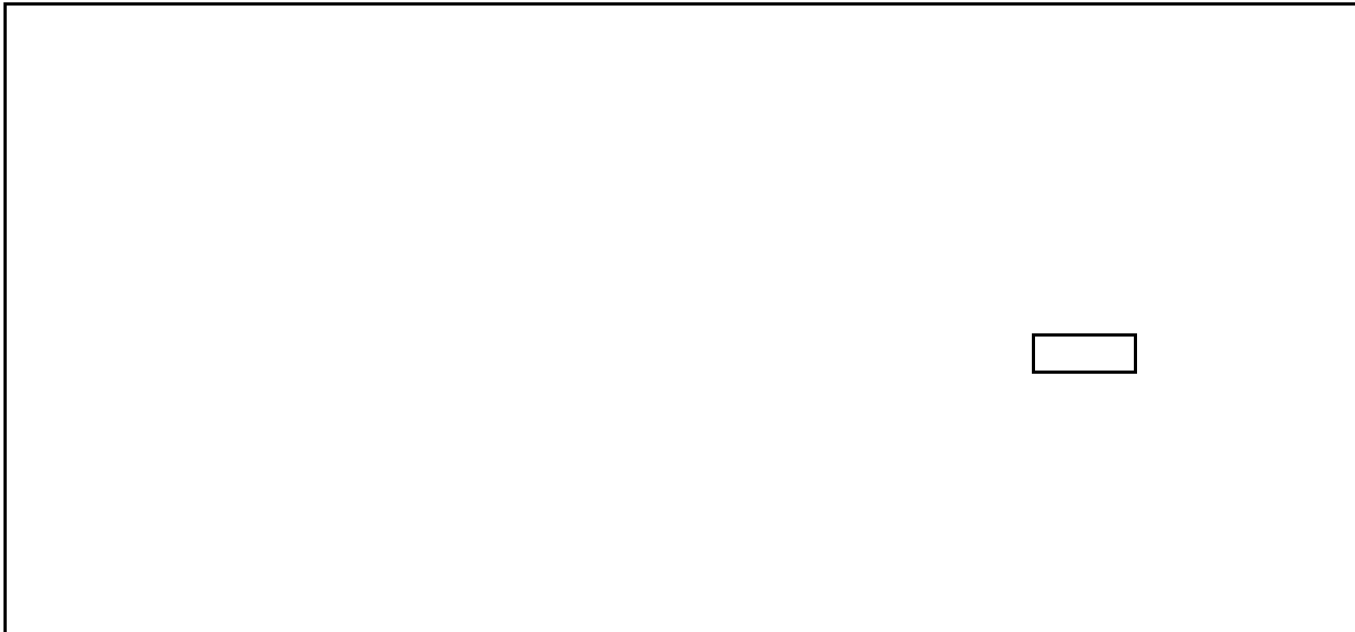
2. Ever since I joined the Agency there has been a series of minor guerrilla actions between this Office and DRS (Division of Research on the Soviet) of OIR, none of which have amounted to very much in isolation, but which cumulatively present an increasing problem of policy.

3. The following might be noted:

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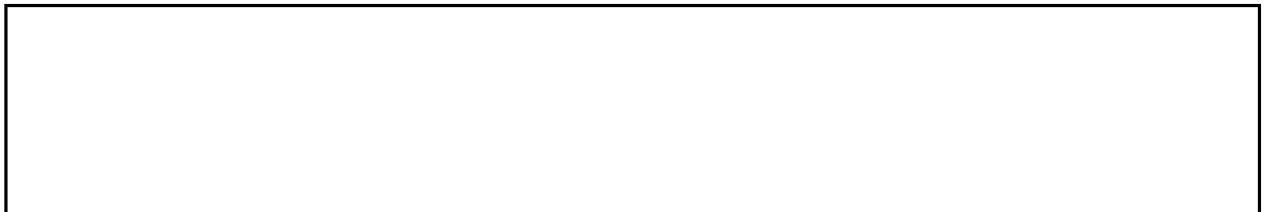
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4. It is my intention to try and iron out these difficulties through the BIC and directly with Messrs. [redacted] and to keep you informed of progress or lack thereof.

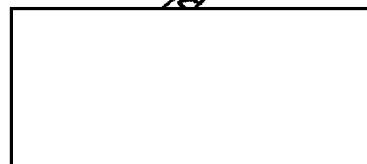
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of basic intelligence; therefore, they in effect set themselves up as a Board of Review demanding as the price of their concurrence step-by-step demonstration of the validity of ORR conclusions. No one will deny that criticism and cross-examination are very healthy ingredients in the dish of national intelligence, but structurally this should be supplied by the new audit and review staff of ORR as well as by the Board of National Estimates, not by a minor subdivision of one of the member agencies of the IAC. What this small group of gad-flies is now attempting with respect to economic estimates is every whit as insufferable as if some of us ex-soldiers in ORR were to challenge and demand legal proof of the validity of every military estimate submitted by the services.

Thus, I venture to predict that it will ultimately be necessary to take strong action such as amending NSCID 15 so as to exclude the Department of State from responsibility for, or authority to produce, economic intelligence on the Soviet Orbit.



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